



Office of Field Services

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EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE USES OF SECTION 31A FUNDING

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Adult Education

Appropriate: A program funded with a combination of adult education and Section 31a funds to address educational needs of adult basic education participants.

Inappropriate: To fully fund an Adult Education program with Section 31a funds only.

Alternative Education

Appropriate: To run a Teen Pregnancy Program funded with a combination of general funds, Section 31a, and Even Start money to address the issues of continuing education and provide dropout prevention.

Inappropriate: To fully fund an Alternative Education program with Section 31a funds only.

Appropriate: An Alternative Education program focusing on academic instruction for 7-12 students identified as eligible by the Section 31a criteria.

Inappropriate: Section 31a funds are used for an Alternative Education program, grades 7-12, that is for suspended students only.

Bilingual/ESL

Appropriate: Supplement any Bilingual/ESL program with additional instruction by combining Section 31a funds with Section 41 or Title I, Part A funds.

Inappropriate: To fund the entire service for Bilingual/ESL students with Section 31a funds only.

Certified Teachers (Language Arts/Math/Social Studies)

Appropriate: To fund an after school tutorial program for students failing in any one of the core academic subjects listed with Section 31a funds.

Inappropriate: To invite all of the students in the school instead of just the eligible students to attend the after school tutorial.

Computer Assisted Instruction (Technology)

Appropriate: Computers used for a prescribed education program for eligible students (e.g., CCC Lab or Compass Learning).

Inappropriate: Computer lab used for all students and funded by Section 31a or wiring the school for computers.

Extended Day

Appropriate: Before and After School Program for eligible students.

Inappropriate: To invite all the students in the school to the Before and After School Program or to pay 100% of the boiler room supervisor's salary to open the school.

Operation Graduation/Dropout Prevention Program

Appropriate: Eligible students participate in Operation Graduation.

Inappropriate: All junior and senior high boys participate in Operation Graduation.

Full day Kindergarten/First Grade Alternative Programs

Appropriate: Eligible students participate in an all day kindergarten. The half-day program is funded by the district for all kindergarten age children in the district. The other half-day is a supplemental program planned for identified Section 31a eligible students.

Inappropriate: The district moves to a full day kindergarten for all students. The morning is paid with district funds and the afternoon with Section 31a funds.

Paraprofessionals

Appropriate: Paraprofessionals help eligible students in classroom with assigned work.

Inappropriate: Paraprofessional is a pre-kindergarten instructional assistant.

Saturday Program

Appropriate: Instructional or planned behavior management program is provided to eligible students on Saturday.

Inappropriate: Saturday morning detention for a fixed amount of time where students only "serve their time."

Volunteer Tutoring

Appropriate: The district develops and implements a volunteer mathematics tutoring program for eligible Section 31a students. Hands-on materials are needed and are purchased with Section 31a funds.

Inappropriate: The school uses parent volunteers for a reading tutorial. The program has operated for eight years. This year the district paid every volunteer \$10 per visit with Section 31a funds.

Concept to Remember

Section 31a funds may only pay for incentives directly related to the program, e.g., a book for the student who does well on the Accelerated Reader program.

SUPPORT SERVICES

PUPIL SUPPORT SERVICES

Nursing/Mental Health/Health Services

Appropriate: School nurse arranges dental appointments for students identified as eligible and works with parents to keep appointments.

Inappropriate: School nurse teaches a weekly health class to all students in grades 1-6.

Home/School Liaison Program

Appropriate: School liaison monitors attendance, calls parents when child is absent, and follows up with communication between students, parents, and teachers for eligible students.

Inappropriate: School liaison monitors and calls to verify absences for all students with no parent or classroom follow-up.

Police Officers Awareness/Liaisons

Appropriate: Police officer assigned to the school works with eligible students to reduce the risk of delinquent behavior.

Inappropriate: A security officer patrols the halls to provide supervision at all after school activities.

Transportation

Appropriate: The after school program for Section 31a eligible students only provides the students' transportation home.

Inappropriate: The district offers an after school tutorial and invites any student interested to attend. Transportation after the program is provided to everyone who attended and funded with Section 31a funds.